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For:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING THE EXTERIOR SURFACE OF A PIPE	:	
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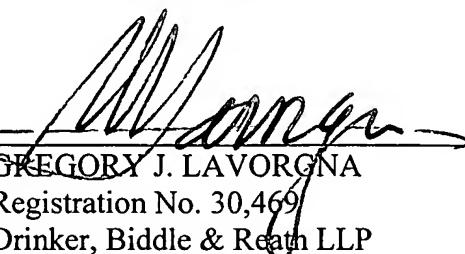
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial each of the references on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned attorney.

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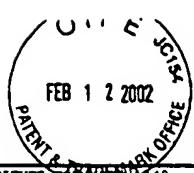
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